

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 17-19 have been cancelled. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16, which are the only claims that remain pending in this application, have been allowed.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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